

The Honorable Bobby J. Hopewell
 Mayor of Kalamazoo
 241 West South Street
 Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007-4796

RE: ~~Treatment Technologies for Allied Landfill, Kalamazoo, Michigan~~

Dear Mayor Hopewell:

Thank you for your interest and involvement in the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site, particularly Allied Landfill. As a part of our ongoing discussions regarding the ~~Site/Allied Landfill~~, you asked whether alternative treatment technologies could provide a viable remedy at Allied Landfill that neither leaves waste in place nor requires off-site disposal. The Superfund law includes a preference for remedies that employ treatment as a principal element and a bias against off-site disposal of untreated waste.

My staff ~~consulted with EPA's national experts in order to~~ expanded on the treatment technology evaluation conducted as part of the Allied Landfill feasibility study ~~by consulting with EPA's national experts on treatment technologies~~. During a September 18, 2014 meeting they shared with you their assessment that there are no existing or emerging technologies that would provide a viable alternative ~~to the remedy options already in the Allied Landfill feasibility study~~.

Commented [MM1]: Who is they? National experts?

As part of this expanded evaluation, EPA ~~and its contractor also evaluated~~ visited the PulverDryer technology, and visited the facility in Battle Creek, Michigan ~~on September 19, 2014 as part of EPA's expanded evaluation of treatment technologies~~. EPA ~~does not believe that use of the PulverDryer~~ However, EPA does not believe this technology is a feasible cleanup option for Allied Landfill, though it may have applications at other Superfund sites. If PulverDryer ~~has is interested in~~ interest in conducting a bench-scale study, my staff can help arrange that.

Commented [MM2]: Why do we have this date in there? Also, it's odd that we were able to say a treatment wouldn't work before the visit.

Commented [FR3]: is this date correct?

I have enclosed two memos. The first is the ~~final assessment~~ from EPA's national experts on from Greg Gervais, Chief of the Technology Assessment Branch within EPA headquarters' Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation. Mr. Gervais' memo assesses the applicability of PCB treatment technologies ~~to at Allied Landfill and includes an evaluation of the PulverDryer technology~~. The second memo, from CH2M Hill, EPA's support contractor for Allied Landfill, evaluates the cost estimate presented by PulverDryer during the September 19th tour of its facility.

Commented [MM4]: Why did it take from Sept to nearly Dec to send this letter? Did we not have the memo? That's why I added final assessment

If you have further questions on these matters, please contact Michael Berkoff of my staff at (312) 353-8983.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Karl, Director
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Enclosures